DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDOCKETMGR@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 22, 2011.

Darrin King,
Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Science

Type of Review: New.


OMB Control Number: Pending.

Agency Form Number(s): N/A.

Frequency of Responses: Once.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 59.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 90.

Abstract: This information collection package requests clearance to recruit districts for a study of a performance evaluation system for principals and teachers. The study will provide important implementation and impact information on the kinds of performance evaluation systems currently discussed in Federal policy. Study findings will be presented in two reports, one scheduled for release in late 2014 and the other in late 2015.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the “Browse Pending Collections” link and by clicking on link number 4713. When you access the information collection, click on “Download Attachments” to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDOCKETMGR@ed.gov or faxed to (202) 401–0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–(800) 877–8339.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Public Meeting of the Technical Guidelines Development Committee.

SUMMARY: The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) will meet in open session on Thursday, December 15, 2011 and Friday, December 16, 2011 at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern time (estimated based on speed of business), and Friday, December 16, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern time (estimated based on speed of business).

ADDRESS: The meeting will take place at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Building 101, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–8900. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify Mary Lou Norris or Angela Ellis by c.o.b. Thursday, December 8, 2011, per instructions under the
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nelson Hastings, NIST Voting Program, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8930, telephone: (301) 975–5237 or nelson.hastings@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the TGDC will meet Thursday, December 15, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, and Friday, December 16, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern time. Topics that will be discussed at the meeting include UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act), Common Data Format, Usability and Accessibility, and Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) issues. The full meeting agenda will be posted in advance at http://vote.nist.gov. All sessions of this meeting will be open to the public.

The TGDC was established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15361, to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines. Details regarding the TGDC’s activities are available at http://vote.nist.gov.

All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by c.o.b. Thursday, December 8, 2011, in order to attend. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Mary Lou Norris or Angela Ellis, and they will provide you with instructions for admittance. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor, and address. Mary Lou Norris’ email address is marylou.norris@nist.gov, and her phone number is (301) 975–3881. Angela Ellis’ email address is angela.ellis@nist.gov, and her phone number is (301) 975–2002.

If you are in need of a disability accommodation, such as the need for Sign Language Interpretation, please contact Nelson Hastings by c.o.b. Friday, November 25, 2011. Nelson Hastings’ contact information is given in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section above.

Members of the public who wish to speak at this meeting may send a request to participate to Nelson Hastings by c.o.b. Tuesday, December 6, 2011. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee’s affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On December 15, 2011, approximately 30 minutes will be reserved for public comments at the end of the open session. Speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be no more than 3 to 5 minutes each. Participants who are chosen will receive confirmation from the contact listed above that they were selected by 12 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, December 9, 2011.

The general public, including those who are not selected to speak, may submit written comments, which will be distributed to TGDC members so long as they are received no later than 12 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, December 9, 2011. All comments will also be posted on http://vote.nist.gov.

Mark A. Robbins,
General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Written comments should be sent to the:
DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 1012, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–4650.

And to:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability has submitted the form OE–417 “Electric Emergency Incident and Disturbance Report” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and a three-year extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OE–417 is used to report electric emergency incidents and disturbances to the DOE. The Form OE–417 reports will enable the DOE to monitor electric emergency incidents and disturbances in the United States (including all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Territories) so that the Government may help prevent the physical or virtual disruption of the operation of any critical infrastructure.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before December 29, 2011. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395–4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the:
DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 1012, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–4650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1901–0288; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Electric Emergency Incident and Disturbance Report; (3) Type of Review: Revision and three-year extension; (4) Purpose: Form OE–417 collects information on electric emergency incidents and disturbances for DOE’s use in fulfilling its overall national security and other energy management responsibilities. The information will also be used by DOE for analytical purposes. All electric utilities, including those that operate Control Area Operator functions and Reliability Authority functions, will be required to supply information when an incident or disturbance meets a reporting threshold. Since the pre-survey consultation notice was published, Federal Register notice 76 FR 35867, in line 11, the boxes entitled “Physical” and “Cyber” have been changed to “Physical Attack” and “Cyber Event.”; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 3.276; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 300; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 7.227; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: 0.